GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4488
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2003
SCHEME FOR BIDI WORKERS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide housing facility to the bidi workers in the same manner as same hospitals are being run to provide medical assistance to them;

(b) if so, the places in Madhya Pradesh where housing schemes have been approved;

(c) the number of housing units to be constructed at such places and the amount of the housing loan to be provided to the bidi workers;

(d) whether the percentage of interest rate to be charged from the bidi workers would be less or more as compared to the interest rates charged by the banks;

(e) if so, whether the housing units are to be constructed through housing board; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): Yes, Sir. Government is implementing an Integrated Housing Scheme for Bidi Workers. Under this Scheme a subsidy at a rate of Rs. 20,000/- per worker, or 50% of actual cost of construction per tenement, whichever is less, is provided.

(b) & (c): The places in Madhya Pradesh where housing schemes have been approved for bidi workers along with number of housing units are given in the enclosed statement. Under the Scheme, no loan is provided to the bidi workers by the Central Government.

(d): Does not arise in view of reply to (b & c) above.

(e) & (f): Under the Integrated Housing Scheme, the houses can be constructed either by the workers themselves, or through a Cooperative Group Housing Society formed by the workers, or by the State Government through an agency nominated by the State Government like State Housing Board.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTIN NO. 4488 FOR 21.04.2003.

Housing Units approved in Madhya Pradesh for bidi workers:

Sl.No.	Name of Place	No. of housing units sanctioned
1.	Pandya Khedi (Ujjain)	100
2.	Jawra (Ratlam)	100
3.	Gwalior	180
4.	Raghogarh (Guna)	400
5.	Katni	63
6.	Balaghat	07
7	Damoh	13

8.Sagar 21

9.Satna 04
10.Jabalpur 06
11.Rewa 03
12.Indore 01
13.Gadarware (Narsinghpur) 01
TOTAL 899